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WORLD SERIES GAME 7 ASTROS 5, DODGERS 1

HOUSTON TAKES HOME FIRST TITLE

Matt Slocum, Associated Press

Wally Skalij, Los Angeles Times

The Houston Astros rocketed to the top of the baseball galaxy Wednesday night, winning their first World Series championship in franchise history by romping past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 in Game 7. MVP George Springer, left, led off the evening with a double against Yu Darvish, and in the second inning added a homer for a record fourth game in a row, making it 5-0. The Dodgers added one run in the sixth, but never got the ball rolling.

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TASK FORCE REPORT

Options try to address PERS deficit

Ted Sickinger *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Gov. Kate Brown wants to create a fund to incentivize schools, cities and other government employers to accelerate their payments to reduce the $25 billion deficit in Oregon's public pension fund.

Local governments could sell excess assets, spend down reserves, redirect one-time funding, or find other ways to raise money to inject into the pension fund to forestall crippling cost increases down the line. The state could spur them to do so by matching their payments by 25 cents on the dollar.

That's one of Brown's favored proposals from a report made public Wednesday by the task force she appointed to look for about $5 billion that could be used to make a dent in the Public Employee Retirement System's unfunded actuarial liability.

Brown favors that concept but is still considering options for where the state would find money to seed the matching fund, according to Elana Pirtle-Guiney, the governor's workforce and labor policy adviser. Pooling the money that individual state entities save to cushion them in a financial pinch, then using some of that, is one option, she said.

The panel's mandate was to leave no stone unturned. But the governor, who is up for re-election in 2018, specifically directed members not to consider changes to pension

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MANHATTAN TERROR ATTACK

Truck driving suspect is charged

Federal prosecutors brought terrorism charges Wednesday against the Uzbek immigrant accused in the truck rampage that left eight people dead, saying he carried out the attack in response to the Islamic State group's online calls to action.

No remorse: Prosecutors say Sayfullo Saipov, 29, who came to the U.S. from Uzbekistan in 2010, asked to display an ISIS flag and "felt good about what he had done."

The victims: Those killed included five from Argentina, one from Belgium and two Americans. Nine people remained hospitalized in serious or critical condition, with injuries that included lost limbs and wounds to the head, chest and neck.

The attack: Saipov drove his speeding truck for nearly a mile along a bike path, running down cyclists and pedestrians, then crashed into a school bus, authorities said.

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SCHOOLS

District's top lawyer is out

Stephanie Harper, Portland Schools' top lawyer for much of the past year, resigns. **A2**

LEGISLATURE

Kruse won't be censured

Majority Leader Peter Courtney explains why Sen. Jeff Kruse won't face censure **A3**

SPORTS

Taggart, UO focus on UW

UO's Willie Taggart wants players thinking about No. 12 Washington, blows off Florida talk **B2**

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